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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Applications have to be received by the D.P.I. No applications have been received by him ? "

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" What is meant by D.P.I., Sir ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Director of Public Instruction. I thought the hon. Member was long enough in this House to know all this phraseology."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It was never used in this House before, Sir."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"With regard to (*b*), may I know on what basis is the calculation made for the grant to the Indian boarding houses ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The calculation is at the rate of Rs. 10 per pupil."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Is it Rs. 10 a year ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" How many poor boys are allowed this grant all over the Presidency ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The hon. Member will see that even for this sum of Rs. 30,000 provided in the budget there are no applicants."

Local Boards and Municipalities

Grants to local bodies.

* 209 *Q.*—Mr. J. KUPPUSWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(*a*) to state the principles on which the Government make distribution of grants to local bodies for various purposes, including village roads ; and

(*b*) to furnish a statement showing the distribution of such grants for the purpose districtwar during each of the last three years ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) An answer to the hon. Member's question cannot be given in reasonable space, or without disproportionate expenditure of time and labour. If the hon. Member will ask for specific information in regard to any particular grant in respect of any particular district or districts, it will be furnished.

Elected Chairman for Palacole municipality.

* 210 *Q.*—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether, in pursuance of the unanimous resolution of the Palacole municipality, No. 355, dated 21st December 1925, the Government intend to confer on the municipality the right of electing its chairman when the vacancy next occurs in March 1927 ?

A.—The question will be fully considered when the time comes to decide it.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" If I understand the answer aright, it seems to have been given in January. May I know if the time has now come for consideration of this matter ? "

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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir. Not yet."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask with reference to this question—I take it that the statement in the question is not disputed—which says that the vacancy occurs in March 1927, when, according to the Minister, the time will come for him to decide the question, and if it will not come some time in March ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The exact date is 27th March 1927."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask whether, before 15th March, the Government will make up their minds as to whether they are going to give the Palacole municipality the right of electing its own chairman ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I hope we shall decide it soon."

Construction of the causeway over the river Swarnamukhi.

* 211 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total cost of construction of the causeway over the river Swarnamukhi near Nayudupet, and whether the whole amount was met from the Provincial funds ;

(b) who the Engineer was that prepared plans and estimates for it ;

(c) whether they were approved by the Superintending Engineer, and if so, by whom and when ;

(d) whether the Superintending Engineer inspected the causeway soon after its completion ;

(e) who the contractor was for the said work and who the officer that supervised its construction ;

(f) whether it is a fact that the present condition of the causeway is most unsatisfactory ;

(g) if so, whether any remedy has been sought for by the Government; and

(h) when the work was completed ?

A.—The Government have no information. They have called for it.

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :—" May I know when the information has been called for and from whom ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The information has been called for from the President, District Board."

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :—" When ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Immediately after the question was asked by the hon. Member."

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :—" Does it take a month and a half to get the information ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" There is a great deal of trouble to get the necessary information."

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :—" May I know whether the Government have not fixed the date by which they should get the information from the district board ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No such date was fixed."